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statement and get sanction for diverting the saving to another head.

55. That Parur should be constituted a T. I. C town.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, Parur taluk) said that a T. I. C. should be established at Parur. He also said that he would echo the suggestions of Mr. Kumara Pillai with regard to enlarging the powers of the T. I. Committees.

Dewan's reply.—We are taking action with regard to Parur.

56. Sanitary needs of the Vaikom town.

Mr. G. Venkitarama Aiyar (Member, T. I. C., Vaikom) represented that, prior to the advent of the T. I. C., only $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road in the town were maintained and a sum of Rs. 1,300 was spent by Government then; but now the town limits were enlarged and $17\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road had to be maintained. There were only 8 lights at present and that was insufficient; 40 or 50 lights were required; additional staff was also required to meet the present requirements. The present Government grant of Rs. 500 and the income derived from licensing fees and other sources, all together, would come, at the most, to about Rs. 1,500. But, calculating at the lowest rate, they required Rs 3,000 to meet the immediate demands of the town. The Member prayed that an annual grant of Rs. 1,300 be given for a period of five years at least, by which time the Committee expected to raise the whole amount required for their expenditure.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The paucity of open spaces and recreation grounds at Kottayam.

Mr. P. M. Chacko B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kottayam) stated that, at present, the only recreation ground available at Kottayam was a piece of open space, about one acre in extent, lying east of the Public offices. This was insufficient for the growing needs of the rising generation of the town. There were more than 2,000 of the school-going population besides 4 or 5 Clubs. The Member suggested that, as the present Sircar school was crowded, a new building was necessary, and that if Government provided for sufficient open spaces when the building site was acquired, it would prove to be a boon both to the students and to the public for the preservation of their health.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The insufficiency of lights in the Alleppey town.

Mr. P. Joseph Panappallil (Member, T. I. C., Alleppey) said that the street lights were so few and far between that they served more as a hindrance than as a help. In 1083 there were 215 lights for $22\frac{3}{4}$ miles of road, but at present there were $26\frac{3}{4}$ miles of road with only 192 lights; the Committee had been forced to reduce the number of lights in 1084 for want of funds. The people were taxed in several ways to collect funds for the improvement of the town, and it was but reasonable that they should grumble for want of sufficient lights. The Member pointed out that the Committee

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had, on several occasions, brought this fact to the notice of the Government and prayed for additional funds for increasing the number of lights, but to no effect. The Committee had at present a balance of Rs. 4,818-6-0, a part of which might be utilized for providing more lights. In the circumstances, the Member urged the necessity of sanctioning additional funds towards the better lighting of the town.

Dewan's reply.—The Committee may move the Government again in the matter.

Supply of good water for drinking and other purposes for the people of the Alleppey town at least by sinking some tube wells.

The same Member pointed out that good water in the town was scarce, and that consequently the people were subjected to bad diseases, such as elephantiasis, by using impure water. The town of Alleppey was the chief commercial seaport of the State, and it was increasing day by day both in commerce and population. As such it was of the greatest importance that the town should be kept in a healthy, habitable state. The supply of pure water was a matter of pressing necessity. The Member urged that steps should be taken towards the realization of this object and he suggested that, for the present at least, some tube wells be opened at convenient centres of the town.

Dewan's reply.—A dozen tube wells will be sanctioned.

The necessity for additional grants for the T. I. C., Kayenkulam.

Mr. E. N. Kesava Pillai, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kayenkulam) stated that, of the towns that have been recently brought under the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation, Kayenkulam was the most important from a commercial and historical point of view. The present grant of Rs. 500 was insufficient for maintaining properly the sanitation and lighting of the town and the Committee were handicapped in meeting the wants and expectations of the townsmen. The pay of the staff alone stood at Rs. 651 prior to the establishment of the T. I. C. The present staff was quite insufficient to look after the needs of the town. The Overseer was burdened with numerous works. An increase in the staff and of the grant was therefore highly essential. The T. I. Cs of Alwaye and Vaikom had other sources of income during cattle fairs, festivals, etc.; but Kayenkulam had none of these. For efficient working they required 2 overseers, 1 clerk, 2 peons, 1 lighter, 16 sweepers, 4 cartmen and 1 vaccinator, which would cost about Rs. 2,500. What could be made by taxation was only Rs. 1,000. The Member, therefore, prayed that an additional grant of Rs. 1,000 be sanctioned by the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5 P.M.

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